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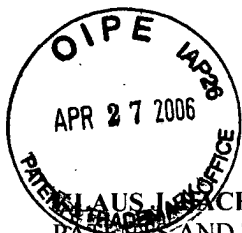
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of 01/24/06, enclosed herewith is a translation of the priority document.

The translation was prepared by the undersigned who certifies that it is an accurate translation of the priority document of the German application 103 03 623.7 filed 01/30/2003.

When reviewing the application upon preparing the translation of the priority document some minor errors were discovered in the description. The application should therefore be amended as indicated below under "Amendments to the specification"